THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Seventh Plan document does not specify any specific target regarding the scheme for the Housing for the Economically Weaker Sections of the society in the urban areas. However, the targets are fixed by the Union Government on the year to year basis in consultation with the State Governments|Union Territory Admns.

(c) A target of 1.08 lakh unit has been fixed for the scheme of the Housing for the Economically Weaker Sections during the year 1987-88

Contamination of vegetables etc. with Hydrocarbon insecticides

786. SHRI PAWAN KUMAN BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that researches conducted by the Punjab Agricultural University and elsewhere have shown that vegetables, milk, butter and baby food sold in the market are contaminated with hydrocarbon insecticides; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what remedial measures are contemplated by Government to combat this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha later on.

Housing for retired Government employees

787. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken measures to formulate a scheme for providing housing facilities to retired Government employees who do not have any house of their own; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Housing is a State subject and all social housing schemes are implemented by the State Governments and Union Territories as per their plan prioirties and local requirements.

However, reservation in various housing schemes, for various categories including retired Government employees are also made by the State Governments. As per reports received from various State Governments|UT Administrations so, far only Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Goa, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Chandigarh, Pondicherry have made some provision for reservation of houses|sites to the retired public servants.

Quiz competition on environment

788. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Doordarshan to organise and televise any quiz competition on environment; and

(b) what are the details of the programmes televised during the last six months on environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan envisages to produce a quiz programme series on environmental issues and problems.

(b) A statement howing the details of the programmes telecast on environment by various Doordarshan Kendras during the last six months is enclosed [*See* Appendix CXLIV. Annexure No. 31]

Shortfall of production in Malanjkhand Copper Project

789. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MALANJKHAND copper project in Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh has fallen short of the targeted production of 2 m. tons per annum,

(b) if so, what are the reasons pinpointed and remedial action taken to improve the functioning of this unit;

(c) whether one of the reasons for the shortfall is the mismanagement in this unit and if so, what action has been taken against the erring officials; and

(d) whether the CBI are investigating charges of corruption against any of the executives, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (d) Malanjkhand Copper Project of Hindustan Copper Limited in Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh, commissioned in 1982, has a designed capacity of 2 million tonnes of ore per annum. The production of ore during 1985-86, 1986-87 & 1987-88 (till October 87) is given below:

1985-86	14,55,000	tonnes
1986-87	15,54,295	tonnes
1987-88 (till Oct 87)	11,38,588	tonnes

It may be seen that the production has been consistently rising and it is expected to reach 90—95 per cent of its designed capacity during 1987-88 Constant efforts to improve managerial efficiency are being taken. There is no case under investigation by the CBI against any employee at the project.

Technology Mission on Drinking Water

790. SHRI AJIT P K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made by the Technology Mission on Drinking Water and has any new startegy emerged out of the experiments, studies and tests carried out by this important Technology Mission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the benefits of the Technology Mission are likely to be transferred to all the needy districts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) The detailed progress made by the Technology Mission on Drinking Water is as per statement enclosed. (*See* below)

The Technology Mission on Drinking Water has been set up with one of its objectives to supply potable water by evolving cost effective technology mix within the constraint of Plan allocation. The strategy is to focus on sub-missions related to main identified problems of source finding, guineaworm, fluorosis, brackisness and iron The results of the studies/ experiments to tackle these problems are being implemented in field so as to make potable water available to the rural population. Action plans for these sub-missions for the year 1987-88 have been finalised particularly in regard to installation of desalination plants, demonstration deflouridation plants, awareness camps for control of fluorosis. Scientific source finding Committees have been constituted in most of the States.

(c) The benefits of the Technology Mission are being replicated simultaneously in other parts of the country. This is a continuous process. All the other needy districts of the country will be benefitted by the end of Seventh Plan period i.e. by 31-3-1990.

Statements

Progress made by Technology Mission on Drinking Water

*11 Mini Mission Pilot Projects (Districts) have started work from 1-3-1987. Annual Action Plans (1987-88) of 11 projects have been finalised.